- Providing facility of compartment examination in two subjects in Class X and one subject in Class XII
- Providing three chances of compartment examination for Class X and XII
- Restructuring of questions in some of the important subjects such as Science and Mathematics.
- Publication of sample question papers and making schemes to familiarize teachers and students about the nature of questions and question papers

Similarly, the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) has introduced measures like flexibility in the choice of subjects at the Secondary level, internal assessment, continuous involvement of schools/teachers in updating and revising the prescribed curriculum etc. to facilitate learning and reducing stress on students.

The CBSE has also started telecounselling on voluntary basis by the educationists, psychologists, psychiatrists and seasoned principals of the schools. It starts functioning before and during the examinations and also during declaration of results to mitigate and defuse the sense of anxiety and stress among the students. For 2002 examinations, CBSE had started helpline from 31 centres in and outside the country.

Recognising the importance of counselling parents in the matter the CBSE has written to all CBSE affiliated schools for organising such counselling sessions. A copy of the circular dated 10.07.2002 issued by the CBSE to all its affiliated schools giving suggestions to reduce stress and anxiety of students has been sent by the Ministry of Human Resource Development to all States/Govts./State Boards of Secondary Education for their information and use.

Adult and non-formal education centres in Maharashtra

1851. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the number of adult and non-formal education centres in the country particulary in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's policy for setting up of non-formal education centres; and

(c) what is the number of adult and non-formal education centres running smoothly in the country, particularly in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) Continuing Education Centres (CECs) which target Adult non-literates and neo-litensttes in the age group of 15-35 years are established under the scheme of Continuing Education. Under the scheme 101563 Continuing Education Centres have been sanctioned so far in the country for operationlisation including 12105 in Maharasthra. The efforts of the Government are to bring all the districts of the country under the scheme of Continuing Education by the end of Tenth Plan.The powers to sanction Continuing Education projects are vested in the respective State Literacy Mission Authorities.

The scheme of Non-Formal Education has been revised as the Education Guarantee Scheme and Alternative & Innovative Education (EGS & AIE), as part of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan targetting the universaiisation of Elementary Education for the age group of 6-14 years and made opeartional w.e.f. 1.4.2001. Hence no funding is being provided to the erstwhile Non Formal Education Centre with effect from 1.4.2001. So far 62077 Alternative Schools/EGS centres have been sanctioned for operationalisation in the country, including 3480 in Maharashtra.

Operational Parameters of NVS

1852. SHRIAIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):
DR.AKHILESHDAS:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General, in its latest report, has observed that the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti has not succeeded so far in establishing its own operational parameters, for promoting excellence through model educational institutions, since its inception in 1986- and